

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the Office Action.

New claims 44-46 are being added. Claims 1-6, and 8-20 are being amended.

Claims 7 and 21 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer thereof. Applicants have the right to prosecute the subject matter of these claims in this or another application.

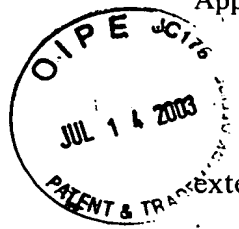
Claims 22-43 are withdrawn.

The present application is now in condition for allowance, and favorable reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that an interview would advance prosecution of the application, he is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

If there are any unaccounted fees due in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If a fee is required for an





extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 that is not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper, or if a petition for extension of time is required for timely acceptance of same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 for any such fees; and applicant(s) hereby petition for any needed extension of time.